

Cladosictis

Cladosictis is an extinct genus of South American metatherian from Patagonia, Argentina (Chichinales, Cerro Bandera, Sarmiento and Santa Cruz Formations) and Chile (Río Frias Formation).^[2]

Description

It was an otter-like creature of about 80 centimetres (2.6 ft) long. Its body and tail were long, the limbs were short. *Cladosictis* probably hunted small creatures in low undergrowth, using its low posture for cover. Possibly, it also stole bird and reptile eggs. With sharp canines and slicing carnassials, *Cladosictis*'s teeth were similar to those of carnivorans, although the groups were unrelated.^[3]

References

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Scientific classification
Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Chordata
Class: Mammalia
Order: †Sparassodonta
Family: †Hathliacynidae^[1]
Genus: †Cladosictis <div>Ameghino 1887</div>
Species
<div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>C. centralis</i> Ameghino 1902<i>C. defossa</i> (Ameghino 1887)<i>C. patagonica</i> Ameghino 1887</div>
Synonyms
<div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Agustylus</i> Ameghino 1887<i>Anatherium</i> Ameghino 1887<i>Hathliacynus</i> Ameghino 1887<i>Ictioborus</i> Ameghino 1891</div>

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